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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, a provisional agenda was prepared for the fiftieth session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/1994/1).

2. Since the document was issued, it has become necessary to revise the provisional agenda. The revised provisional agenda is reproduced below.

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Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Organization of the work of the session.

4. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine.

5. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts.

6. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist regime in South Africa.

7. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including: problems related to the right to enjoy an adquate standard of living; foreign debt, economic adjustment policies and their effects on the full enjoyment of human rights and, in particular, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development:

   (a) Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights.

8. Question of the realization of the right to development.

9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation.

10. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:

   (a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

   (b) Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

   (c) Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances;

   (d) Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission:

    (a) Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (b) National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;

    (c) Coordinating role of the Centre for Human Rights within the United Nations bodies and machinery dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights;

    (d) Human rights, mass exoduses and displaced persons;

    (e) Practices of ethnic cleansing in situations of internal conflict.

12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:

    (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;

    (b) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided for in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group on Situations established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41 of 25 May 1990.

13. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers.

14. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

15. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

16. Effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments.

17. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-fifth session.

18. Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

19. Advisory services in the field of human rights.

20. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

21. Drafting of a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.

22. Rights of the child, including:

    (a) Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

    (b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children;

    (c) Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour;

    (d) Programme of Action for the Prevention of the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

23. International Year of the Family.

24. Election of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

25. Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission.

26. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the fiftieth session of the Commission.